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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, NP, US
SUBJECT: GURKHA TROOPS

1. I WAS DISTURBED TO SEE IN MID EAST SITREP #100 (STATE 220290) REFERENCE TO QUOTE: THIRD RATE AS GURKHAS GO UNQUOTE AS A CHARACTERIZATION OF THE QUALITY OF THE EXPECTED NEPALESE CONTINGENT FOR UNEF. I VERY MUCH HOPE THIS DOES NOT REPRESENT USG VIEW. SINCE BEGINNING OF MIDDLE EAST CEASEFIRE, WE HAVE HAD NO INDICATION ONE WAY OR THE OTHER OF HOW USG REGARDED POSSIBILITY OF NEPALESE CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE-KEEPING EFFORTS. MY ASSUMPTION WAS THAT WE TAKE A POSITIVE VIEW OF THIS. NOW THAT GON HAS INDICATED ITS INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN UNEF, NO USEFUL PURPOSE IS SERVED BY PEJORATIVE COMMENTS ABOUT QUALITY OF NEPALESE FORCES; COMMENTS WHICH ARE IN FACT CONTRARY TO OUR AND, WE ARE SURE, THE BRITISH ASSESSMENT HERE. INDEED, I AM VERY MUCH CONCERNED THAT THE COMMENT CITED MIGHT GET BACK TO EITHER THE BRITISH OR THE NEPALESE, SINCE TELEGRAM WAS NOT SLUGGED NOFORN. SHOULD NEPALESE LEARN THAT QUOTE THIRD RATE UNQUOTE IS AN AMERICAN CHARACTERIZATION OF THEIR TROOPS, IT COULD DO US SERIOUS DAMAGE IN TERMS OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. I VERY MUCH HOPE YOU WILL DO WHAT YOU CAN TO SEE THAT THIS ATTITUDE IS NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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